



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** Whitman et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/944,230

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**For:** SPIN COATING FOR MAXIMUM  
FILL CHARACTERISTIC YIELDING A  
PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on July 30, 2003, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on October 30, 2003.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the drawings** are identified on page 6 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 7 of this paper.

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